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(U.S. National Phase of PCT/US03/30238; Int'l Filing Date: September 26, 2003)

Appl. No. 10/529,221; § 371 Date: To be assigned

For: Targeted CD1d Molecules

Inventors:

ROBERT et al.

Our Ref:

1843.0200001/EKS/FRC

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- 1. Reply to Notification of Defective Response;
- 2. A copy of the Notification of Defective Response;
- 3. A copy of the original executed Declaration as filed on September 8, 2005 (6 pages); and
- 4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Reply to Notification of Defective Response

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Sir:

A Notification of Defective Response was issued in the above-captioned patent application on June 1, 2006, a copy of which is attached hereto. According to the Notification, the Declaration filed on September 8, 2005, is an "improper composite" declaration.

Applicants believe that the Notification of Defective Response was issued in error and that the Declaration filed on September 8, 2005 is in full compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.497(a) and (b).

Applicants' undersigned representative contacted Dianna Oleksa at the PCT Help Desk on June 30, 2006, to discuss this matter. After describing the circumstances of the Declaration and providing a copy of the Declaration to Ms. Oleksa by facsimile to review, she concluded that the Declaration was *not* defective and that the Notification of Defective Response was apparently issued in error. Submitted herewith is a copy of the Declaration originally submitted on September 8, 2005 (six pages). Applicants believe that the

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requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. § 371 are fully met and respectfully request

that this application proceed to substantive examination.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are

required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this

paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of

this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are

hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495)

- · Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/25/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/25/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 03/25/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 09/08/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/08/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 09/08/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 03/25/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 03/25/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 03/25/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 03/25/2005
- Specification filed on 03/25/2005
- Claims filed on 03/25/2005
- Abstracts filed on 03/25/2005
- Drawings filed on 03/25/2005

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Applicant's response filed 09/08/2005 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 07/18/2005 have not been completed.

The following items MUST be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - Improper composite declarations submitted. Applicants need to submit a properly executed declaration.

Declaration due

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Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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